Great British holiday weather

22 July 2011 - As the peak holiday season gets into full swing this weekend, the weather shows some signs of settling down for the start of the great British holiday getaway.

Although our latest 30 day forecast is for the changeable weather we have seen so far this summer to continue the good news is that many places will enjoy some pleasant summer weather over the next few days.

There are indications that more in the way of drier and sunnier weather will gradually move in with temperatures recovering and reaching the mid 20's for the first week of the summer break.

Chief Forecaster Steve Willington said: "The recent cold and windy weather will hang on along the east coast this weekend, but everywhere should enjoy some fine and warm weather next week."

The Met Office provides a range of forecasts for the public on our website, on mobile phones and through our website widgets, allowing you to stay right up to date with the latest weather.

Mark Smith, Director of Bournemouth Tourism said: "Sunshine or rain, wind or hail - there's plenty to do whatever the weather here in Bournemouth , the local area and across the UK and these excellent detailed local forecasts can really help you plan to get the best out your holiday."

Since last summer the Met Office has launched local forecasts for up to 5000 locations across the UK, including seaside resorts and tourist attractions across the country. These regularly updated forecasts provide local detail on the weather to help you plan your day out with confidence.

Mr. Smith continued "These new forecasts from the Met Office communicate weather forecast information in clearer, more appropriate and user friendly ways that allow tourists and tourism operators to better plan activities. As weather is a key driver for tourists, I am sure that this improved communication will have a positive economic impact on our industry and will improve the overall quality of life for British residents through more productive use of their leisure time."

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